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"We are the Ship, All Else the Sea"

Editor, Larry Lester

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In the News

King Solomon is Crowned!

by Ralph Carhart

History and the present came together on Saturday, May 10th, at **Frederick Douglass Memorial Park** in Staten Island, NY. The

Negro Leagues Baseball Grave Marker Project

dedicated its 30th marker by recognizing the legacy of black baseball pioneer, **Sol White**. A crowd of roughly 75 onlookers and participants celebrated the accomplishments of the great player, manager, executive and writer with song, prayer and stories about White and his times. Speakers included local SABR members as well as official MLB historian **John Thorn** and NLBGMP Founder, **Dr. Jeremy Krock**.

The celebrants followed a procession led by the **St. Philip's Baptist Church Drum Corp** to the location of White's grave, graced for the event with a large portrait of him from the early 1900s, provided with the aid of **Tom Shieber** from the Baseball Hall of Fame. Friends of Frederick Douglass CEO **Patricia Willis** played host to the proceedings, beginning with a prayer by **Reverend Dr. Tony Baker** of St. Philip's. He was followed by a stirring *a capella* performance by **Brandon Stratford**.

State Senator **Andrew Lanza** and City Councilwoman **Debi Rose** also spoke. The event was particularly poignant for Rose, whose four grandparents, both parents and sister are also buried in the sacred ground of Frederick Douglass. She referred to the troubled cemetery as Frederick Douglass "Historical" Park, mentioning that

legendary vaudeville singer, dancer, and pianist **Mamie Smith** was buried just a few yards away.

An animated performance by children's musician **Lloyd Miller** taught the youth from the **Staten Island Little League** that were in attendance a little bit about **Cool Papa Bell** and

Satchel Paige. A technical malfunction did not stop the earnest singer as he quickly switched from electric guitar to ukulele and had some in the crowd singing along.

Dr. Krock then stepped forward to let the crowd know about the Negro Leagues Baseball Grave Marker Project. In

his words, "We keep focus on keeping the memory of Negro Leagues baseball and their great players alive." He also pointed out that in addition to White, the NLBGMP has placed stones at the graves of two other members of the Baseball Hall of

Fame - **Frank Grant** in Clifton, NJ, and **Pete Hill** in Alsip, IL, just outside of Chicago. Next on the radar of the NLBGMP is **Elias "Country Brown" Bryant**, also buried in an unmarked grave at Frederick Douglass.

Staten Island resident and SABR member **Ralph Carhart**, who read a biography of White prepared by himself and 19th Century Committee Chair, **Peter Mancuso**, followed Krock. White had an unlikely entry into organized ball; his local team needed an extra player after an injury and the 14-year-old White was

conscripted into duty. He never looked back, forging a trailblazing career as a player on integrated as well as colored teams, as manager and executive of the **Philadelphia Giants** and



Courtesy of Ralph Carhart



Courtesy of Phil Ross

composing his legacy-making publication in 1907 of *“The Colored Base Ball Guide.”* White’s own prescient words were quoted, “Base ball... should be taken seriously by the colored player, as honest efforts with his great ability will open an avenue in the near future wherein he may walk hand-in-hand with the opposite race in the greatest of all American games.”



Courtesy of Phil Ross

Patricia Willis

SABR member **Jim Drury** then followed with a reading of a resolution celebrating Sol White, the NLBGMP and Frederick Douglass composed by the Baseball Hall of Fame. Drury, who was instrumental in the installation of the marker, quoted Hall President **Jeff Idelson**, stating that White’s induction into the Hall in 2006 was a result “of his role in the history and development of baseball as our great National Pastime.” Idelson also recognized the important efforts of both groups at preserving the memory of White.



Courtesy of Ralph Carhart

John Thorn

John Thorn served as the final guest speaker, representing Commissioner **Bud Selig**. Noting the important role history plays in baseball like no other game, “Sol White had seemed to be on the outside looking in. A faintly recalled figure of such antiquity, that his footprints were no longer visible on baseball’s long road.” The NLBGMP has

helped change that. You can read the full text of Thorn’s speech, as well as Sol’s bio at: <http://ourgame.mlblogs.com/author/johnthornmlb/>

Willis and Krock concluded the ceremony by removing the covering from White’s grave, revealing the polished black granite stone, emblazoned with an image of White from his Philadelphia Giants days. Local musician Justin Tinker played a somber tenor saxophone version of *“Take Me Out To The Ballgame,”* as the guests, young and old, filed by the grave and left a carnation - a modest gift in appreciation of all that White left behind. The first 50 guests also appreciated a unique baseball card of White that was handmade by artist **Jesse Loving** of **Ars Longa Art Cards** specially for the event.

Anyone interested in helping with the effort to place a marker for “Country Brown” Bryant should go to the SABR donation page at <https://sabr.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=6148>. If you’d like to make a donation to the struggling Frederick Douglass Memorial Park, use the following address; Friends of Frederick Douglass Memorial Park Inc.; P.O. Box 140827; Staten Island, New York 10314; Attn. Patricia Willis CEO.

Editor's note: This excellent article by Carhart, along with others by Jay Hurd, Ryan Whirly, John Thorn, and Joe Palladino can be found at a webpage devoted exclusively to the Sol White dedication in Staten Island, New York. <http://www.larrylester42.com/sol-white-dedication.html> Also check here for other photos.

Now batting for the Krock Watchers -

Elias "Country Brown" Bryant

Famously known for his comic routines, Bryant played 3b, 2b, and outfield for many of the top Eastern based teams, (1918 to 1934) like the **Bacharach Giants**, **Brooklyn Royal Giants**, **Washington** and **Wilmington Potomacs**, the **Lincoln Giants** and the great winter league team: the **Breakers Hotel** of Florida. Famously known for his clowning antics, Brown once grabbed a shovel to dig a grave for a blind umpire.

According to researcher **Bob Bailey**, Bryant may have been born in March of 1899, in Georgia. Sadly, on Christmas day in 1937, he got into an altercation with his brother-in-law, subsequently receiving a fatal blow to the head. Dead at the age of 39, researcher **Philip Ross** discovered that Bryant is also buried at the **Frederick Douglass Memorial Park**, in an unmarked grave.

Binga headstone to be Dedicated

by Peter Gorton of The Donaldson Network.

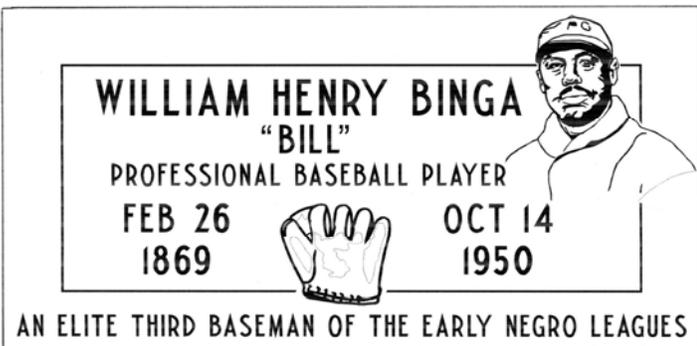
On June 28, 2014 at **Crystal Lake Cemetery** in Minneapolis, MN, we will be honoring the life and baseball career of **William Binga**.

How do the baseball careers of **John Donaldson** and **William Binga** intersect? John Donaldson knew and respected William Binga as a fellow ball player of the previous generation. Both men spent significant parts of their lives in Minnesota. In fact, Binga's only son, Bill Freeman and Donaldson were teammates in 1932 while playing for the John Donaldson's All-Stars in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Prior to the integration of baseball William Henry Binga was a great third baseman, from 1895 to 1911, for some of segregated baseball's greatest teams including the **Adrian (MI) Page Fence Giants**, **Columbia Giants**, **Philadelphia Giants**, **St. Paul Colored Gophers**, **Chicago Union Giants**, **Kansas City (KS) Giants**, **Adrian Reformers (Michigan St. League)**, **Twin City Gophers**, **Leland Giants**, **Minneapolis Keystones**, and the **Quaker Giants**.

Had the color line not existed William Binga would have starred in major league baseball.

Funeral services for William Binga were held on October 17, 1950 and he was interred at **Crystal Lake Cemetery** without a marker to identify his final resting place.



The **Negro League Baseball Grave Marker Project** (NLBGMP) along with **The David Winfield Foundation** and **The Donaldson Network** has collaborated to right a nearly 65-year wrong. By identifying, procuring and installing a grave marker for Binga we will return the spotlight to one of baseball's greatest forgotten stars.

Together we will remember the great baseball career of William Binga and show the world we have not forgotten his contributions to the national game.

The color line stripped Binga of his opportunity to develop a lasting legacy. It is important today that we not apply the same standard to how Binga is remembered. We must not take part in robbing him of his legacy again.

More information about our effort can be found here: <http://www.hourdetroit.com/Hour-Detroit/April-2014/Hes-No-Longer-Forgotten/> by Ryan Whirty William Binga's Wikipedia Page: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Binga

Please join us for the: William Binga Grave Marker Dedication on June 28, 2014, at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN, at 11:00 AM

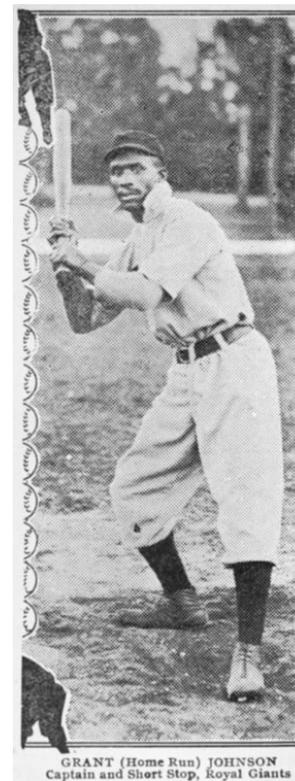
Thanks again for all the outstanding support of **The Donaldson Network**. We continue to uncover lost ballgames every single day. As Donaldson's career statistics rise putting him closer to 400 wins, look for more exciting newsletters.

Grant "Home Run" Johnson to be remembered.

The Grant Johnson roadside plaque and grave marker are scheduled for installation on **June 24, 2014** at the **Lakeside Cemetery**, in Hamburg, New York. This effort is led by **Howell W. Henry, Jr.**, When **Sol White** published his classic book in 1907, he picked **Rube Foster** to write a section on the science of pitching. Of equal importance was his selection of **Grant "Home Run" Johnson** to write his formula for successful hitting. The section was entitled: "*Art and Science of Hitting*".

According to historian and author **Ray Nemeck**, Grant Johnson got his nickname in 1894, when he blasted 60 home runs for the **Findlay (Ohio) Sluggers**. He may have been the first player, black or white, to reach that magic number, despite playing in the dubbed **Deadball Era**. An early day version of **Ernie Banks**, Johnson was a tall, rangy, right-handed power hitter, who played shortstop. And like **Mr. Cub** should be in Cooperstown.

Johnson born September 23, 1872, in Findlay, excelled against major league teams like the **Cincinnati Redlegs** and the **Detroit Tigers**. He died on September 4, 1963, in Buffalo, NY. Let's not wait another 50 years to honor one of baseball's finest players.



From the Cotton Field to the Playing Field: the Solomon Northrup & Harry Northrup Story.

Recently, Oscar winner **Lupita Nyong'o**, playing the abused slave Patsey, was selected by *People* magazine as the "**World's Most Beautiful**" woman. Her role, along with **Chiwetel Ejiofor**, in the movie "**12 Years A Slave**" has brought tremendous attention to **Solomon Northrup**, a citizen of New York, who was kidnapped in 1841 and later rescued in 1853, from a cotton plantation near the Red River in Louisiana. Solomon, aka Platt Hamilton or Plat, was a farmer, a noted violinist, hack driver, skilled carpenter, and, of course, later an author.



Solomon's journey of cruelty and subjugation in this critical acclaimed film, did not end when reunited with his family.

In time, Solomon became a free agent again, but his grandson would never be fully liberated to pursue his diamond dreams. Let's examine Solomon's grandson's baseball journey and discover his legacy.

John Henry "Harry" or "Zip" Northrup (also spelled Northup or Northrop), was born, July 27, 1882, in Auburn, New York to Alonzo and Caroline Robinson. As a young man Zip played for the talented semi-pro Watsons of Weedsport, New York. On July 30, 1902, the *Syracuse Journal* reported that Zip "GOES TO CUBAN GIANTS" stating, "It has been announced that Harry Northrup, the crack colored twirler of the Watsons, has been signed by the **Cuban Giants** and will leave at once to join the team at Clifton Springs. Northrup has pitched 16 games, of which he has won 14. The two games lost were at Union Springs and Lyons, the latter game being a victory for Lyons by the score of 1 to 0."

After playing for perhaps the top independent black team of the period, Zip Northrup returned to Weedsport in 1907 and played for several teams over the next few years. Perhaps Zip's last on-field appearance came at age 43, with the Savannahs as their second baseman. The *Skaneateles* (NY) *Free Press* on August 7, 1925, reported Northrup, batting clean-up, went 0-for-4, but scored a run, in a 5-2 lost to the Skaneateles Men's Club.

Local historian **Lazelle R. Hopkins** in his 1933 book *Facts Regarding Weedsport New York* provided further confirmation of Northrup's impactful career, "A whole chapter and more could be devoted to that picturesque player, Harry Northrup, who played on the team

[Watsons], except when he was away from Weedsport, for over a period of 10 years. During this time he never lost more than three games in any one season."

Zip Northrup's granddaughter, the energetic 71-year old **Irene Northrup-Zahos**, bragged, "My grandfather had an undying love for the game of baseball and would play it at every chance he got as a player, coach, manager and organizer. He was affiliated in one way or another throughout his life, and up to two years before he died."



1901 Weedsport Watsons

Standing, left to right: Sheldon Bibbens, Harry Stickles, Vern Bibbens, Ray Bentley, George Hudson, Frank Bibbens, and Fred O'Neil
Sitting, left to right: Ed Flynn, James Kanaley, Bill Coyle, ? Clossey (mascot) **Zip Northrup**, and Byron Kanaley with dog.

In some closing thoughts from the book "*Twelve Years A Slave*" Solomon expressed, "Chastened and subdued in spirit by the sufferings I have borne, and thankful to that good Being through whose mercy I have been restored to happiness and liberty, I hope henceforward to lead an upright though lowly life, and rest at last in the church yard where my father sleeps."

Today, Solomon and his father, Mintus, sleep in plots with damaged markers. Family members led by Mrs. Northrup-Zahos plan to install a two-sided 24"W x 4" x 48"H grey granite headstone in honor of Mintus and Solomon Northrup. For those who are awake and care to give, funds are welcome at **Old Fort House Museum**, c/o Fort Edward Historical Association, P.O. Box 106, Fort Edward, NY 12828, 518-747-9600, <http://www.oldforthousemuseum.com> .

Plans are also underway for the 16th annual "**Solomon Northrup Day of Celebration and Freedom**" on **July 19, 2014**, at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. Save that date!

Like the undefined beauty of Lupita Nyong'o, the beauty and excitement of discovering new players and their historical significance in the National Pastime is breathtaking. Let's take the time to break the chains of mental bondage and reach out to discover more about American history and the beauty of learning.

Sunrises!

JUNE

- 8TH – LIONEL EVELYN - 85
- 14TH – DON NEWCOMBE - 86
- 19TH – HANK MASON - 83
- 20TH – AL CARTMILL, JR. - 84
- 21ST – ART SIMMONS - 77
- 22ND – BOB SCOTT - 84
- 23RD – ULYSSES HOLLIMON – 83
- 24TH – NEALE “BOBO” HENDERSON – 84
- 30TH – RENDON MARBURY - 77



JULY

- 1ST – FRANK ENSLEY - 87
- 7TH – JUMPIN’ JOHNNY WILSON - 87
- 16TH – CLIFF DUBOSE - 77
- 18TH – BILLY HARRELL – 86
- 19TH – JOHNNY FAIRLEY – 73
- 26TH – PEDRO SIERRA – 76
- 27TH – **ART HAMILTON – 80**
- 30TH – WILLIAM BELL – 84
- 31ST – DON JOHNSON – 88 & POP DURHAM - 83

AUGUST

- 1ST – A.J. JACKSON - 81
- 5TH – IRA MCKNIGHT, JR. - 79
- 8TH – GRADY MONTGOMERY – 83
- 12TH – **RAYMON LACY – 92**
- 19TH – WALT “COACH O” OWENS – 81
- 22ND – CARL HOLDEN – 73
- 25TH – CLARENCE “CHOO CHOO” COLEMAN – 77
- 26TH – **IKE WELCH – 94**, AL SPEARMAN – 88
- 29TH – RICH BOOKER – 85, **HERB SIMPSON – 94**
- 31ST – **JAKE SANDERS - 80**



CONGRATULATIONS to Nonagenarians, **RAYMOND LACY, IKE WELCH, & HERB SIMPSON.**

At press time there are about 195 living Negro League legends.

Sunsets

WILLIAM G. "RADIO" BLAIR, JR., 92, died April 13, 2014, in his daughter's Hunt County, Texas home, after a long illness. Blair was a talented left-handed pitcher for the **Detroit Senators, Indianapolis Clowns, Portland (OR) Rosebuds, Washington Black Senators**, and **Cincinnati Crescents** (1947-1948). Blair attended the school known today as **Prairie View A&M University** before enlisting in the Army, where he became a sergeant. After leaving the military, he founded *Southwest Sports News* in 1947, which published scores from black college games throughout the U.S. In 1951, his newspaper was renamed *Highlight News*, and in 1960 it became the *Elite News*. The publication served black churches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Blair also founded the **Elite News Religious Hall of Fame**. "He was constantly coming up with ways to celebrate people and their hopes and dreams," his son Darryl said.



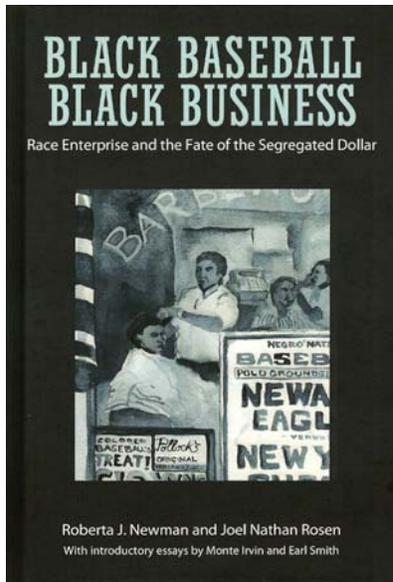
In September of 2011, the **Dallas Park and Recreation Board** renamed South Dallas' Rochester Park in Blair's honor. He was always a great person to interview and his knowledge of the game will be missed. Blair's archive of photographs and memorabilia were donated to the **University of Texas at Arlington Special Collections Library**, in 2013.

"BIRMINGHAM" SAM BRISON II, 73, died April 21, 2014 in Miami, FL. An excellent athlete, who is mostly remembered as the clown for the **Indianapolis Clowns** for roughly 15 years. The former second baseman, also played basketball with **Goose Tatum's Harlem Road Kings**. Brison was also an actor, appearing in the movie **"Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars"** where he worked alongside **Billy Dee Williams, Richard Pryor, James Earl Jones** and two-time American League All-Star **Leon "Daddy Wags" Wagner**. **Syd Pollock**, owner of the Clowns described Brison as "one of the best fielders in baseball and hailed him as the greatest comedian in sports history."



Black Baseball Black Business: Race Enterprise and the Fate of the Segregated Dollar by **Roberta J. Newman & Joel Nathan Rosen**, with introductory essays by **Monte Irvin** and **Earl Smith**

This book examines how the relationship between black baseball and black businesses functioned, particularly in urban areas with significant African American populations-- Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, and more. Inextricably bound together by circumstance, these sports and business alliances faced destruction and upheaval.



Once Jackie Robinson and a select handful of black baseball's elite gained acceptance in Major League Baseball and financial stability in the mainstream economy, shock waves traveled throughout the black business world. Though the economic impact on Negro League baseball is perhaps obvious due to its demise, the impact on other black-owned businesses and on segregated neighborhoods is often undervalued if not outright ignored in current accounts. There have been many books written on great individual players who played in the Negro Leagues and/or integrated the Major Leagues. But Newman and Rosen move beyond hagiography to analyze what happens when a community has its economic footing undermined while simultaneously being called upon to celebrate a larger social progress. In this regard, *Black Baseball*, *Black Business* moves beyond the diamond to explore baseball's desegregation narrative in a critical and wide-ranging fashion.

For your must-have copy contact Clint Kimberling, Publicist, ckimberling@mississippi.edu

Outsider Baseball: The Weird World of Hardball on the Fringe, 1876–1950

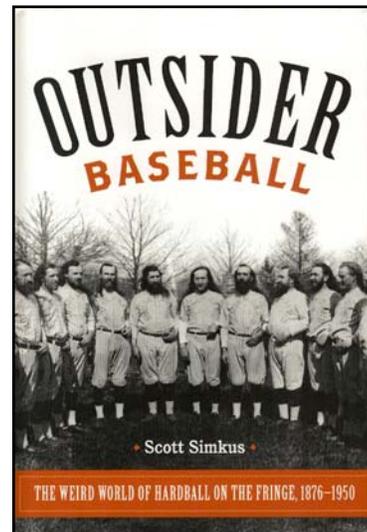
by **Scott Simkus**

Before 1950, many of the greatest players in baseball were making money outside the confines of the major leagues. This bottom-up account of our National Pastime's evolution shows just how extraordinary these unheralded players were.

Outsider Baseball is the story of a forgotten world, where independent professional ball clubs zigzagged across America, plying their trade in big cities and small villages alike. The players for these teams included not only former and future Major Leaguers, but also mercenaries, scalawags, and outcasts. This is where **Babe Ruth**, **Rube Waddell**, and **John McGraw** crossed bats with the **Cuban Stars**, **Tokyo Giants**, **Brooklyn Bushwicks**, dozens of famous Negro League teams, and novelty acts such as the **House of David**, and the **Bloomer Girls**.

Legends emerged in this alternate baseball universe and author Scott Simkus sets out to share their stories and uses a critical lens to separate fact from fiction. Written in a gritty prose style, *Outsider Baseball* combines meticulous research with modern analytics, opening the door to an unforgettable funhouse of baseball history.

Called by **John Thorn**, Official Historian of Major League Baseball, "This is the best baseball book you will read this year. With *Outsider Baseball*, Scott Simkus provides us with a time traveler's guide to the dark side of the moon - - and rattles off weird and wonderful stories at every stop. I learned plenty; you will too."



Tom Dunkel, author of "*Color Bind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line*" wrote, "Scott Simkus is one of our foremost baseball archeologists. He scratches and claws at the past in *Outsider Baseball*, unearthing wonderful nuggets of sports history. Reading this book is like hopping into baseball's time machine. Enjoy the ride!"

Get your copy of controversial clubhouse commentaries by Simkus at the **Chicago Review Press**, <http://www.chicagoreviewpress.com/outsider-baseball-products-9781613748169.php>

The Negro Leagues Committee awards \$2,500 scholarships and \$1,000 Library Grants

SABR's [Negro Leagues Research Committee](#) is pleased to award \$2,500 scholarships to two 2014 high school seniors in its fifth annual national essay contest. They beat out more than 100 candidates from 35 states and countries. The selection committee was comprised of educators **Tom Garrett, Stephanie Liscio, Mel May and Josh Salvner.**

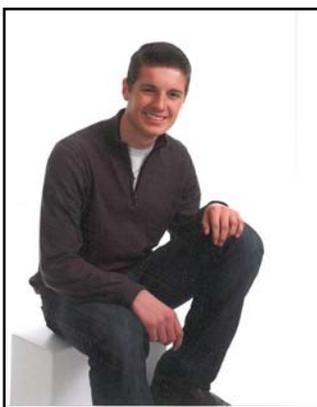
The **Thomas R. Garrett Memorial Scholarship** contest was open to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. Students had to write a 1,000-word essay answering one of the following questions: **“Who is Rube Foster and why is he significant to Negro League History?”** or **“Explain who Sam Lacy is and his significance to Black Baseball History.”**



Tiffany Bowman

Tiffany Bowman was a senior at Troy High School in California. Tiffany plans to attend the University of California Fullerton in the fall and will be a member of the University and Business Honors Program. She will major in Business Administration with a concentration in Entertainment and Tourism Management. While in school Tiffany belonged to the Future Business Leaders of America club for three years and won numerous awards through this group. She also belonged to her school's Environmental Club and took part in peer tutoring. She volunteered at the local library and senior center in her community. Tiffany's winning essay answered the question, **“Who is Rube Foster and why is he significant to Negro**

League History?”



Abraham Griesbauer

Abraham Griesbauer was a senior, homeschooled in Troy, MO. He was a National Merit Finalist and will be attending the University of Dallas to study either Chemistry or Physics. He has played baseball since he was 10 years old and got to visit the Negro Leagues Museum in Kansas City with his American Legion team. He will continue his baseball playing at the University of Dallas. Abraham also works as an umpire and enjoys playing the piano at the virtuoso level and teaches piano lessons as well. In his community he volunteers at a soup kitchen and food pantry. Abraham's winning essay answered the question, **“Who is Rube Foster and why is he significant to Negro League History?”**

For more details about the conference and other contests visit:

<http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html> or call 816.589.7940.

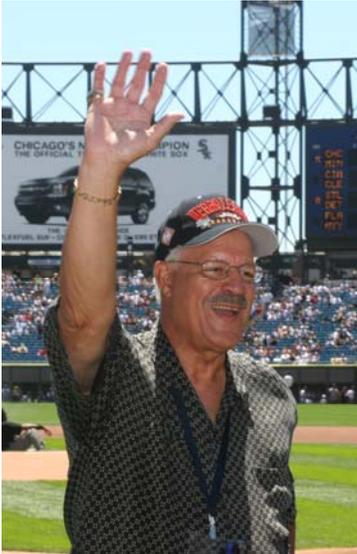
Our **LIBRARY GRANT** judges were **Tim Bottorff**, Head Librarian-Universal Orlando Foundation Library, Rosen College of Hospitality Management-University of Central Florida, **Mark Moore**, Senior Subject Librarian-Cleveland Public Library and **Stephen Cullis**, Media Specialist, Randolph high School, Randolph, NJ. With a special thank you to **Erik Rostamian**, National Accounts Manager for **FOLLETT LIBRARY RESOURCES**, for helping the winning libraries to purchase books at a discount.

This year's winners are: **East Point Elementary School** of El Paso, TX, and the **J. Garfield Jackson Academy** of East Orange, NJ.



Your Conference All-Star Lineup

SPECIAL CONFIRMED GUESTS



Walt "Coach O" Owens.

Owens was a star pitcher for the **Detroit Stars** from 1953 to 1955. A native of Cleveland, he attended Western Michigan University, in Grand Rapids, and graduated with Bachelor's and Master's degrees. As a student, he played basketball and ran track. He was also a basketball player for the **Boston Whirlwinds**, an opponent of the **Harlem Globetrotters**.

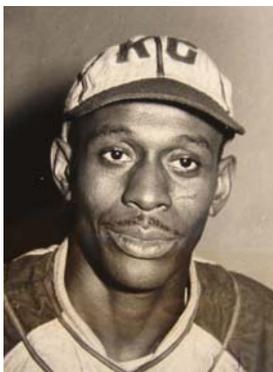
A member of more than 25 championship baseball teams, that include three high school championships, four National Amateur crowns, and coached a women's softball champion team. As a coach, he instructed future big league stars like **Alex Johnson** and **Willie Horton** at Detroit's Northwestern High School. Owens is a founding member of the **National Congress of Black Faculty**. His son **Mel Tyrae Owens** played linebacker for the NFL's **Los Angeles Rams**, from 1981-89, and is currently a California-based lawyer. We look forward to hearing from the legendary "Coach O".

Ronald Teasley, aka "Blazer" Johnson

Teasley played the outfield for the **New York Cubans** for about two months in 1948, before becoming a member of the **Brooklyn Dodgers'** organization, with **Olean** of the PONY League. He later played for **Carman** in the Mandak League, making the league All Star team in 1950 and 1951.

He also played for the **Detroit Wolves** and the **Toledo Cubs/Rays** in the Negro Leagues.

A graduate of **Wayne State University** and still holder of the highest lifetime batting average of .500 at the University, Teasley will have several Hall of Fame honors to share with us at the conference.



Robert "Bob" Paige

"Satchel" Paige's oldest son, Bob, is making a rare appearance. He last public appearance at the Malloy Conference was at the 2006 Malloy Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in celebration of his Dad's 100th birthday. We are truly exciting about hearing from the son of perhaps the greatest pitcher in the Negro Leagues and arguably the best in baseball universally. Please join us for new tales about baseball's greatest showman and father.



America's *original* Negro Baseball League Conference

August 14th (Thur) to 16th (Sat) - 2014 Detroit, MI
General Information

SABR's **Negro Leagues Committee** encourages the study and research of African American baseball and its influence on society and sport history. The Conference promotes activities to enhance scholarly, educational, and literary objectives.

The annual **JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE** is hosted by the **SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH (SABR's) NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE**. Since 1998, the Conference is the *only* symposium dedicated exclusively to the examination and promotion of black baseball history.

Commonly Asked Questions

How Can I Register?

Internet: click here - [The SABR Store](#)

SABR accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card (no AMEX)

By Mail: Send the **Registration Form** on page 2 with full payment to:

SABR, Attn: Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference

4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite D-140, Phoenix, AZ 85018

What Are the Key Cut-Off Dates?

[\\$2,500 Scholarship Entry Deadline](#)

March 24, 2014

[Call for Papers & Poster Presentations](#)

March 24, 2014

[\\$1,000 Library Grant Deadline](#)

April 7, 2014

~~Early Conference Registration Ends Thursday~~ ————— ~~May 15, 2014~~ ←

Art Contest Deadline

May 26, 2014

Ads for Conference Booklet (see page 4)

July 15, 2014

[Cut-Off Date for Courtyard by Marriott Rooms](#)

July 28, 2014 ←

Regular Registration Deadline

July 31, 2014 ←

Is the Conference only for members of SABR?

No, the conference is OPEN to all baseball, history and sports fans of all ages.



“Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference” for the latest news & photos.

Historical information about the conference can be found at: <http://sabr.org/malloy>

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>



August 14th (Thur) to 16th (Sat) - 2014 in Detroit, MI

# of Packages	Registration Packages	EARLY by May 15	REGULAR by July 31	On-Site	Total
	Education Forum package – Thursday only Includes Teachers' Guide & Lesson Plans.	\$15	\$20	\$30	
	Adult Package Includes all presentations, "Meet & Greet," ballgame at Comerica Park, and Awards Banquet, plus education forum and transportation to Meet & Greet and Hamtramck Stadium.	\$150	\$175	\$199	
	Student Package - (with ID) Full time students only. Includes all presentations, "Meet & Greet," ballgame at Comerica Park, and Awards Banquet, plus education forum and transportation to Meet & Greet and Hamtramck Stadium.	\$100	\$120	\$130	
	Single Day Conference Package – Friday or Saturday Conference presentations only. Does not include "Meet & Greet," ballgame, transportation, or Awards Banquet.	\$90	\$100	\$110	
Sub-Total					
# of Additional Tickets	Additional Cost for Family & Friends		Individual Ticket Prices	Total	
	Saturday Night's Awards Banquet		\$65		
	Friday Night's Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners. Kaline's Corner, Sections 107-109 Only 100 tickets available		\$27		
	Bus Transportation to Meet & Greet and Hamtramck Stadium		\$20		
	Thursday night's "Meet & Greet" Reception at the Detroit Historical Museum [Includes snacks & refreshments]. Headcount is required.		\$10		
You may also donate funds in ANY AMOUNT for: SABR is a 501 C-3					
	Grave Marker Project – click name for NBC Video				
	Student Scholarships – click name for more information				
	School Library Grants – click name for more information				
	HELP Sponsor a Player of your Choice, \$100 to \$750				
Grand Total					

Click here: [SABR Store for Registration](#) or type <http://sabr.org/malloy>

Or pay by mail: Make your checks or money orders out to **SABR – Malloy Conference**.
4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite D-140, Phoenix, AZ 85018 - (800) 969-7227 or (602) 343-6455

Note: Non-SABR members pay the on-site registration fee

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>



Hotel Registration

August 14th (Thu) to 16th (Sat) - 2014 Detroit, MI
Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the



Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown

333 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

[Google Map](#)

Phone: 313-222-7700 or 800-321-2211

Ask for the "Jerry Malloy Conference".

or

Register at this secured [online link](#) to get the discounted rates:

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Jerry%20Malloy%20Negro%20League%20Conference^dtwdc%60jmljmlb%60115.00%60USD%60false%608/13/14%608/17/14%607/28/14&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Conference Room Rates are:

Single or Doubles: \$115 a night, plus taxes

Cut-Off Date for Marriott's Discounted Rooms is: July 28, 2014

Don't Delay - Register Today! Call: 313-222-7700

[Click here for the Courtyard by Marriott's FACT SHEET](#)

This Marriott does NOT provide shuttle service.

- Alternate transportation: [Ride Skoot Shuttle](#) - estimated **\$43 round trip**; click <http://www.rideskoot.com/detroit-courtyard-by-marriott> to reserve your trip.
- **Estimated taxi fare: \$52 (one way)**
- On-site parking, fee: \$8 hourly, \$15 daily
- More information about local transportation - [The People Mover](#) can be find elsewhere in this newsletter.



- **Go to page the next page for directions to the Hotel from various locations.**

If you are coming by train, contact Tom Salvner (734-730-0081) or Dick Clark (734-635-6994) to discuss transportation options to the hotel.

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

Directions to



Detroit Downtown



From Detroit Metro Airport

Head southwest on W G Rogell Dr toward International Dr, take the I-94 E ramp to Detroit. Take exit 216A to merge onto I-75 S toward Toledo. Continue onto I-375 S then onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From the East (Warren, Port Huron, St. Clair Shortes)

Take Interstate 94 West, take exit 216A to merge onto I-75 South toward Toledo. Continue onto I-375 South. Continue onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From the West (Ann Arbor, Livonia)

Because of the closure of I-96 from Newburgh to Telegraph, Take M-14 to I-275 south to I-94 east toward Detroit, Take exit 216A to merge onto I-75 S toward Toledo. Continue onto I-375 S then onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From the North West (Farmington Hills, Novi, Lansing)

Take I-96 E toward Detroit, then a slight left onto I-696 Eastbound. Take exit 18 to merge onto I-75 South towards Detroit. Continue onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From the North (Troy, Birmingham, Sterling Heights, Rochester, Pontiac)

Merge onto I-75 South via the ramp to Detroit. Continue onto I-375 S. Continue onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From the South West (Romulus, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti)

Head east on Interstate 94 East toward exit 181. Take exit 216A to merge onto I-75 South toward Toledo. Continue onto I-375 South. Continue onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

From Toledo

Take I-75 Northbound and merge onto I-75 North via the ramp to Detroit. Take exit 51C to merge onto I-375 S toward Downtown. Continue onto Interstate 375 Business (Spur)/E Jefferson Avenue. Stay to the left on Jefferson West. Courtyard is on the right after Brush Street, across from the Renaissance Center.

333 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan Tel: (313) 222-7700

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

Join us Friday night at sold-out Comerica Park

Tiger treats!



See current **Cy Young** winner Max Scherzer.



See current two-time AL's **MVP** Miguel Cabrera

From the **Seattle Mariners** see:



All-Star pitcher **Felix Hernandez** and sluggers **Robinson Cano** and **Corey Hart**.

Take some time and view the Tigers' Hall of Fame Statues of **Hank Greenberg**, **Ty Cobb**, **Charlie Gehringer**, **Hal Newhouser**, and **Al Kaline**, along with star leftfielder **Willie Horton** in the left field concourse and Hall of Fame announcer **Ernie Harwell** near the first base concourse.

Note: Norman "Turkey" Stearnes' plaque is located outside the center field wall, at the corner of Adam & Brush Streets.



Also see the **Ferris Wheel** and **Tiger Carousel** near third base and home plate respectively.

For more information, visit the website of the **World Champions** of 1935, 1945, 1968, & 1984 at:
<http://detroit.tigers.mlb.com/>

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

Detroit Attractions

Call them or click the website link for hours and admission fees:

Come Early and Stay Late in Detroit - Enjoy yourself!



Joe Louis Arena

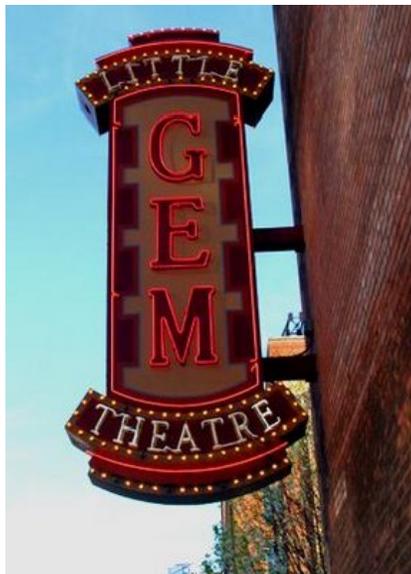
19 Steve Yzerman Dr.
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 396-7000

olympiaentertainment.com

Ford Field

2000 Brush St,
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 262-2000

<http://www.detroitlions.com/ford-field/>



Gem and Century Theatres

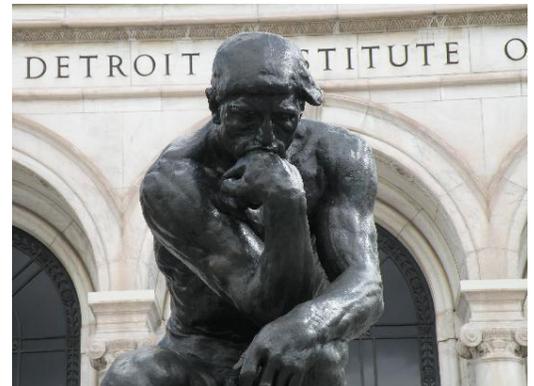
333 Madison St,
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 963-9800

<http://www.gemtheatre.com/>

Detroit Institute of Arts

5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202
(313) 833-7900

<http://www.dia.org/>



Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

315 East Warren Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 494-5800

<http://thewright.org>

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

**DETROIT
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

<http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/content/harwell-collection>

Ernie Harwell Sports Collection

Detroit Public Library

5201 Woodward Ave.

Detroit, MI 48202

(313) 481-1401

Motown Museum Home of Hitsville U.S.A.

2648 W Grand Blvd

Detroit, MI 48208

(313) 875-2264

<http://www.motownmuseum.org/>



Dossin Great Lakes Museum

100 Strand Drive,

Belle Isle

Detroit, MI 48207

(313) 833-5538

<http://detroithistorical.org/dossin-great-lakes-museum/>



Thursday's Educational Forum will be at:

Wayne State University

Purdy/Kresge Library

5265 Cass Ave

Detroit, MI 48202

(313) 577-4042

<http://www.lib.wayne.edu/info/maps/pk.php>

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

DOORWAY TO FREEDOM



Detroit and The Underground Railroad

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/underground/mi2.htm>
<http://www.friendsoffirst.com/underground-railroad-tours/>

Visit the "**Gateway to Freedom Monument**" (pictured on the right) at Hart Plaza on the Detroit Riverfront. It was created by gifted sculptor, **Ed Dwight, Jr.**, of Denver, son of **Edward Dwight**, former outfielder for the **Kansas City Monarchs** and the **Indianapolis ABC's**.



Detroit Zoo

8450 W. 10 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-5717
<http://www.detroitzoo.org/>

Henry Ford

20900 Oakwood Blvd.
Dearborn, MI 48124
(313) 982-6001



<http://www.thehenryford.org/>

Arab American National Museum

13624 Michigan Ave
Dearborn, MI 48126
(313) 582-2266

<http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/>



Arab American National Museum

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

Come One, Come All
Bring your Family & Friends to the Meet & Greet
Thursday, August 14th - 6 to 8 pm



Detroit Historical Museum

5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
313.833.1805
<http://detroithistorical.org/>

Transportation will be provided to the site from the Marriott and back to the hotel.

Catering by **LaFayette Coney Island**, famously shown in the movie "**Sparkle**".

DETROIT's THE PEOPLE MOVER - local transportation to **Comerica Park**, et al.
<http://www.thepeplemover.com/WE-LL-TAKE-YOU-THERE!.id.2.htm>



RIDING INFORMATION - <http://www.thepeplemover.com/Schedule.id.19.htm>

Fare: \$0.75 per ride (Insert fare into fare gate)

Payment: Cash only (U.S. Nickels, Dimes, Quarters)

Tokens: Available in or near stations

Fast Passes: Monthly, Annual and Convention/Special Event passes are [available online](#) or by calling (313) 224-2160.

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH AN AD

Dear Supporters & Friends of the Negro Leagues:

We would like to extend an invitation to you to become a participant in the 17th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. We are seeking your support with a LOW-COST ad in the conference booklet. This conference is scheduled to take place from **August 14th - 16th** at the **Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown**.

This year's conference will include research presentations, player panels, exhibits, a Detroit Tigers baseball game and special events centered on our theme "**Turkey Stearnes & Black Baseball in Michigan**" with topics on the Detroit Stars, Turkey Stearnes, Hamtramck Stadium and much more.

In attendance will be authors, historians, researchers and scholars, former players, educators, fans, collectors, sponsors and vendors. We are excited about adding you to our list of participants. We are asking for your support with an ad in the booklet given out to all conference attendees, local libraries, local media and museums among others. The booklet is tentatively entitled "**Turkey Stearnes & Black Baseball in Michigan,**" and will be published by [McFarland Publishing](#).

The print block for ads is 4 3/8 inches by 7 1/2 inches.

- Half page ad - \$65
- Full page ad - \$120
- Business Card - \$30

Submission deadline is July 15, 2014

Submissions received after the deadline will have a copy of their ad included in the goody bags given to all members. Submissions should be print ready and sent as an e-mail attachment, or a high resolution format on CD. Acceptable formats are JPG or TIF or DOC or PDF.

If you have further questions please call Leslie Heaphy at 330-244-3304 or e-mail her at Lheaphy@kent.edu. All ads are sent to **Dr. Leslie Heaphy at Kent State, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Rd, North Canton, OH 44720**. Checks can be made out to SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) and indicate in the memo it is for "*Malloy conference ads.*" **Monies raised help support bringing Negro League players to the conference, along with providing funds for library grants, and student scholarships.** Thanks in advance for your support.

GOODY BAG DONATIONS:

If an ad is not in your budget at this time, we are accepting items such as brochures, schedules, pins, magazines, booklets, magnet, souvenirs, etc., for our goody bags. We need between 100 - 150 items. Donations can be sent to:

Rick Meister, 48595 Greenwich Lane, Canton, Michigan 48188.
FJMeister@sbcglobal.net or 734-397-3692

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We appreciate your support.



Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, August 14th - Education Forum – 9 a.m. to 12:30

Each participant will receive a notebook of lesson plans and materials to aid in developing class projects.

Instructor: [Leslie Heaphy](#). The forum will take place at the Purdy/Kresge Library. See page 9 for map link.

OTHER EVENTS FOR THURSDAY

- 9:00 Van leaves hotel for Education program
- 9:30 - 9:45 Registration for Education program
- 9:45 - 12:30 Education program
- 12:45 Van returns guests to hotel
- 2:00 - 5:00 Conference Registration at Marriott Courtyard
- 3:00 - Bus leaves for dedication of [Hamtramck Stadium](#)
- 4:30 - Bus returns to Marriott Courtyard
- 5:30 - Bus leaves for Meet & Greet at Detroit Historical Museum
- 6:00 - 8:00 Meet & Greet Reception - Catering by Lafayette Coney Island
- 7:45 & 8:00 Bus returns to Marriott Courtyard

Friday, August 15th (5 presentations, players' panel, special Paige presentation, and ball game)

Registration at [Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown](#) begins at 7:30 a.m.

- 8:30 - 9:00 - Welcome: Larry Lester – NLC co-Chairman
- 9:00 - 9:30 - **Bryan Steverson**: "Motor City Meteor: When Speed Raced Through Detroit"
- 9:30 - 10:00 - **Todd Peterson**: "The Page Fence Giants: 1895-98"
- 10:00 - 10:30 - Courtesy Break

- 10:30 - 11:00 - **Lawrence Rushing**: "A Pretty Miserable Way to Make a Buck: The Mindset of Jackie Robinson."
- 11:00 - 11:30 - **Karl Lindholm**: "William Clarence Matthews"
- 11:30 - noon - **Melissa Booker**: "Booker T. Washington: Baseball's Quiet Ambassador."
- Noon - 1:15 - Lunch on your own

- 1:30 - 2:30 - Players Panel - **Coach Walt Owens** and **Ron Teasley**
- 2:30 - 2:45 - Player Signings
- 2:45 - 3:15 - Courtesy Break

- 3:15 - :15 - "More than just Baseball - My Dad, Satchel Paige" with **Robert Paige**
- 4:30 - 5:30 - Travel to [Comerica Park](#)
- 6:00 - :15 - Players honored at Park
- 6:35 - Detroit Tigers vs. the Seattle Mariners



Saturday, August 16th (6 presentations, Stearnes family presentation, authors panel, trivia contest & awards banquet)

Registration at **Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown** begins at 8:00 a.m.

- 8:45 - 9:00 - Welcome by Larry Lester
- 9:00 - 9:30 - **Donald Spivey**: "Satchel Paige in Pitching a New Perspective on the Black Renaissance and the Fight for Civil Rights"
- 9:30 - 10:00 - **Ryan Whirly**: "William Binga: Blackball star in Distinguished Family Tree."
- 10:00 - 10:30 - Courtesy Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 - **James Brunson**: "Black Style or Baseball Minstrelsy Reconsidered: Literary and Visual Representations, 1860-1889"
- 11:00 - 11:30 - **Gary Gillette**: "Detroit Venues Redux"
- 11:30 - Noon - **Lizz Wilkinson**: "Nationals Park Statues"
- Noon - 1:15 - Lunch on your own
- 1:30 - 2:00 - **George Skornickel**: "The Greatest Manager in Negro League History: Vic Harris"
- 2:00 - 3:00 - **Mrs. Nettie Stearnes** and daughters **Joyce & Rosilyn** with moderator Dick Clark
- 3:00 - 3:30 - Courtesy Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 - Authors' Panel with Negro League bibliophile **Dick Clark**
- 4:30 - 4:45 - Authors book signings
- 4:45 - 5:30 - Trivia Prelims & Finals with moderator **Ted Knorr**, three-time winner
- 6:00 - 7:00 - Cash bar reception
- 7:00 - 10:30 - Awards Dinner, with entertainment and silent & live auctions

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